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THE NEW BANKRUPTCY BILL.

The bankruptcy bill reported to the house from the judiciary committee, as a substitute for the Nelson bill which passed the senate at the extra session, is a modification of the Torrey bill and retains all the essential features of the latter. The measure has been given most careful consideration by the house committee and while it is likely to be amended to some extent in the house it is expected to pass that body in substantially the form in which it came from the judiciary committee. The aim of the committee has been to make the bill as liberal as possible and the committee suggests in its report that if it has erred at all it is in going too far in this direction.

In reference to the Nelson bill the house judiciary committee felt that it does not fully meet the interests of the country. That measure has no adequate provision for anything but voluntary bankruptcy and is generally so defective that it has failed to receive the approval of any of the commercial bodies of the country. At the extra session of congress the senate substituted it for the Torrey bill, some of the senators who voted for it doing so not because they thought it the better measure, but in order that bankruptcy legislation might be furthered. As the situation now stands there is favorable promise of a national bankruptcy law being enacted at the present session of congress.

There is no doubt that the house bill, or as it is commonly designated, the Henderson bill, will pass the house at an early day. In the senate it will come up as a substitute for the bill passed by the house at the extra session and probably that body at the extra session and probably will be sent to a committee of conference. As everybody is aware who has given attention to this subject, the vital point of controversy is in regard to involuntary bankruptcy. There is very strong opposition in and out of congress, to legislation that would give creditors the power, whatever the restrictions upon its exercise, to force debtors into bankruptcy. The Nelson bill, as we have already said, has no adequate provision for anything but voluntary bankruptcy, while the Henderson bill makes provision for both voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy. The conflict between house and senate will be chiefly in respect to this and it remains to be seen whether the opposition in the latter body to the involuntary provision is still as strong as heretofore shown.

The business interests of the country were never more anxious than at this time for the enactment of a uniform bankruptcy law and they want a law that will stand. This subject has been agitated for fifteen years or longer and every important commercial body in the nation has urged congress year after year to exercise the power given it by the constitution to "establish uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States." The state laws on the subject operate unfairly and unjustly and the only remedy is to be found in a uniform national law, which will deal justly with both creditors and debtors. It is not to be doubted that such legislation would have an excellent effect upon the business of the country.

HAS A NEW CABINET.

The cabinet crisis in Japan has passed and a new ministry has been installed, with Marquis Ito at its head. The return to official service of this distinguished oriental statesman gives assurance that wise and conservative counsel will prevail in the government of Japan. Ito is an exceedingly able man, with a larger knowledge of the affairs of the world than any other Japanese statesman. He is a progressive man, who believes in promoting the commercial growth of his country and keeping free from conflicts and entanglements with other nations which would interfere with Japan's advance commercially. He is an ardent friend of the United States and our cordial relations with Japan will suffer no impairment while he is in power.

The situation in the far east imposes grave responsibility upon Japan. She must be prepared to resist any designs of European powers in that quarter hostile to her interests or which may threaten a diminution of her power. In order to maintain her position she must have a large navy and Japan's policy in this direction is comprehensive. The conditions that confront her are of a nature that calls for the wisest statesmanship in their treatment and the ministry formed by Marquis Ito is undoubtedly representative of the best ability available. It may be counted upon to firmly oppose any European aggression in that portion of the world.

THE HAVANA EPISODE.

There is nothing surprising in the outbreak of Spanish hostility to autonomy that occurred in Havana. The uncompromising antagonism of that element to the Sagasta policy has been well understood and the wonder is that it was so long held in restraint. As General Palma, the head of the Cuban junta in the United States, says, the Spaniards in Cuba detest the natives of that island and believe the only course to pursue toward them is that which Weyler adopted. Offering the Cubans concessions these Spaniards regard as the last degree humiliating to Spain, as well as a most grave political blunder. They consider the Cubans totally unfit for self-government and regard them as not simply an inferior race, but a people unworthy to have the privileges of civilization. The recall of Weyler and the inauguration of the policy of autonomy aroused the indignation and wrath of the Cuban Spaniards to an intense pitch and the pent up anger had to break out. That it has not exhausted itself in destroying the property of newspapers favorable to autonomy may be safely assumed and while the authorities state that no further trouble is expected the spirit manifested shows that the danger of another and more formidable outbreak is present.

It appears that the situation is regarded at Washington as not calling for any action on the part of this government, but some measure of precaution might be wise. There are conceivable circumstances that would require our

government to act and it should be prepared to do so. The Spaniards in Cuba hate Americans only less intensely than they hate Cubans and the life and property of American citizens in Havana would not be safe in the event of an outbreak of Spanish passion and violence. The talk of intervention under existing conditions is of course idle, but Spanish hatred could not be allowed to vent itself upon American citizens in Cuba without calling for very vigorous action on the part of the United States. Therefore a few war ships conveniently stationed would be a proper precaution, to which Spain could make no reasonable objection. The spirit of the Spaniards in Cuba is such as to warrant our government in being ready for a possible emergency.

THERE WILL BE NO DISORDER.

There is no danger whatever that the contention over the de facto and de jure city commission will embroil this city in riot, bloodshed or disorder. There is no disposition on the part of the mayor and council to precipitate a conflict with the bogus reform police board. The only exhibition of force in view is the installation of policemen by the old board in the rooms occupied by it in the city hall while every member of the force is needed to patrol the city and protect its citizens from footpads and burglars.

While Judge Scott's decision leaves the reform board without any legal existence, Mayor Moors and the city council, upon whom devolve the duty of providing for the government of the fire and police departments, will take no steps to dislodge the board except through duly constituted judicial authority. It is hoped that the negotiations entered into between Attorney General Smyth and Mayor Moors will result in a speedy settlement of the pending issues by decision of the supreme court.

AS BETWEEN DENVER AND OMAHA.

In the contest between the Denver newspapers and the Denver department store trust, the sympathies of the Bee are emphatically with the newspapers. This is a free country and every business man engaged in private enterprise has an inalienable right to fix the price of his wares, just as every individual American citizen has the right to fix the price of his labor or services. It would be a most arrogant assumption for any newspaper to attempt to dictate the price at which a merchant whom it patronizes shall sell his goods and for the newspapers of any city to combine for the purpose of forcing an arbitrary reduction in the prices of goods without reference to their original cost or the conditions under which they are sold would be justly regarded as a high-handed outrage.

In trying to justify themselves in refusing to submit to the demands of the department store trust the Denver papers are, however, decidedly off in the comparisons they make between themselves and the Omaha dailies. They assert, for example, that the Omaha papers are inferior in quality and quantity to those of the Colorado capital. While the question of quality is something to be decided by the public, the quantity and variety of news is measurable. Without disparaging our Denver contemporaries, the Bee ventures to claim for itself superiority in both and its claim in that respect cannot be successfully controverted. Flaring cartoons covering acres of space do not constitute news and this class of matter is the only feature in which the Denver papers can truthfully claim to outrank the Bee.

The assertion that it costs one-third more to print a paper in Denver than in Omaha is equally fallacious. This may be true of some Omaha papers, but it is not true of the Bee any more than it is true of the Associated Press charge for Omaha is \$100 less per week for each paper than it is in Denver. While the Associated Press charges the dispatches over 500 miles more of wire to Denver than to Omaha, the charge to each paper in Denver is only \$175 per week, while the rate for Omaha is \$140 per week for morning papers, instead of \$75, as represented by the Denver papers. The special cable news service of The Bee alone costs almost half as much more as the Associated Press service and no Denver paper attempts to duplicate it.

On the other hand, the Denver papers inadvertently make a mistake to their disadvantage in quoting the advertising rates of The Bee as 40 cents per square square, when as a matter of fact the average yearly contract rate is 70 cents. It may also be of interest to our Denver contemporaries to know that Omaha business men pay The Bee's rates for advertising cheerfully, because they know they are getting full value in return.

By the change made in the diplomatic positions to which Edwin H. Conner of Iowa and Charles Page Bryan of Illinois had been appointed, assigning the former to China and the latter to Brazil, the president turns a neat trick in diplomatic circles. The only objection to sending Mr. Bryan to China was because of the demand for a more experienced man to represent the United States in a position where serious complications are likely to arise at any moment. The transposition ought to silence all further objection.

The complaint of a California criminal against a San Francisco newspaper partially vindicates the much-maligned newspaper artist. A picture of the criminal printed in the newspaper led to his identification and conviction and he swears vengeance on the publisher and the artist who made the picture so life-like that identification was possible.

The case of the South Dakota official who committed suicide to escape from the burdens of officeholding is among the most remarkable on record. The need of a law in that state to facilitate resignations is now apparent.

Attorney General Smyth's visions of bloodshed and riot are merely pictures of the popular mind. The only semblance of a resort to force over the control of the police board is the guard of uniformed police which the popo-

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Under the name of Fruit Festival the display of apples and other fruit grown in the Missouri Valley will be one of the most interesting and valuable parts of the Transmississippi Exposition. Nothing appeals stronger to the homesick than evidence that fruit can be grown in abundance in the country to which he is invited.

A Difference in Quality.

Klondike prospectors now believe they have found the mother lode of that rich gold-bearing district. If the supply of whisky holds out in Alaska that find won't be a circumstance to the "father lode" accumulated by the lucky ones.

Organized to Acquit.

The court in the Major Esterhazy case seems to have been organized to acquit, just as that which tried Captain Dreyfus was organized to convict. The persecutions and imprisonments of the latter will stand among the monumental outrages of history.

Symptoms of Delay.

The decline of the British empire will probably date from the day when its trade began to fall off. The country is now upon which it has been built. The returns of trade for the year 1897 give no token of decay. The total of exports and imports amounts to the staggering sum of \$3,222,115,000, exceeding that of any other year of the past.

Home Market Not Enough.

It is beginning to be generally recognized by leading manufacturers that, broad as our country is, it cannot absorb the surplus of a few. It is a declaration of war upon plutocracy, not against property, but against the power of property to keep pace with increased production. We must look abroad for purchasers of our surplus, and our place in the world's market. The interests of the shops and of the farms are really not diverse, but identical.

"Drain" is the Right Word.

Senator Teller's words were well chosen when he said in his speech on Wednesday that he was doing everything in his power to "drain down" the republican party. There is a difference between dragging down and draining down. The latter is carried on from a lower level, the latter from a higher elevation. As, for instance, the government is not draining down the republic, but it is draining down the republic. The interests of the shops and of the farms are really not diverse, but identical.

Judge Neville's Hard Task.

Judge William Neville of North Platte, Neb., has a hard task before him in making the next twelve days. He is chairman of the Nebraska exposition and he has got to select the two most beautiful women in the state to represent the state at the exposition. He has to select the two most beautiful women in the state to represent the state at the exposition. He has to select the two most beautiful women in the state to represent the state at the exposition.

After the Canadian Press.

The International Convention has determined, with the co-operation of the Treasury department, to bring the Canadian railways which compete with American lines, to a point where they will be subject to the same regulations as the American lines. This requires every carrier receiving freight in the United States to be carried by a foreign carrier to be subject to the same regulations as the American lines. This requires every carrier receiving freight in the United States to be carried by a foreign carrier to be subject to the same regulations as the American lines.

Restricting Immigration.

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